



Terry Hankton

June 9, 1950 - December 4, 2022

A Time to be Born

Terry Hankton was born on June 9, 1950 in Strong, Arkansas to the late Jethro Hankton and Frances Lee Pennie.

A Time to Laugh, Play, and Work

Terry was educated in the public schools of Strong and Crossett, Arkansas where he excelled at basketball. He furthered his education at Arkansas Technical University in Russellville, where he continued his basketball career and still holds several school records. Following a stellar career at Tech, he was drafted in the American Basketball Association (ABA) by the Memphis Tams. His basketball accomplishments led to inductions into the Union County Hall of Fame and most recently, the inaugural Arkansas Tech Sports Hall of Fame. Following his stint in the ABA, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served 22 years, attaining the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E-8). Upon retirement from the military, he settled in Atlanta, Georgia and pursued a career in Information Systems Technology.

A Time to Love

Terry was united in holy matrimony to Joyce Marie Alexander on November 22, 1974 in San Antonio, Texas. To this union, a son and a daughter were born. Prior to this union, he was the proud father of a daughter.

A Time of Loss

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Charles McHenry and Leroy Bowman.

A Time to Pass

Terry was called to his heavenly home on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 4:00 am at his home.

A Time to Mourn

He leaves to mourn his passing a devoted wife, Joyce Marie Hankton of Lawrenceville Ga; daughters – Terri (Omar) Clemons of Russellville AR and Kendra Hankton of Columbus OH; son – Terry (Felicia) Hankton II of San Antonio TX; sister – Joyce (Morris) Handy of Houston, TX; granddaughter, Shakayla (Brytton) Canady of Mesa AZ; grandsons – Hakim Gray and Ishmael Salahaldin of Kennesaw, GA and Tyson of San Antonio TX; great granddaughters Eden Grace and Zuri Rose of Mesa AZ; sister-in-laws - Mary Burse, Elizabeth Custard, and Lucile Cole of Selma AL; Jessie (Willie) Brown of Browns AL; Thelma Dudley of Lantana FL and Mary Watts of Buffalo NY; brother-in-laws – Jonathan (Mary) Alexander and Johnnie Cole of Selma AL, Phillip Alexander of San Marcos TX; and a host of very dear nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends

Tribute Wall

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“ As a young boy, I had the chance to watch Terry and his teammates play in the old Stroupe Gym on the campus of Arkansas Tech. Hearing him on the radio as he made the almost half court shot at Arkansas AM&N in Pine Bluff was a thrill. What a show they would put on for the fans! It was always great to see Terry back on campus through the years. The last time being for his induction into the ATU Hall of Fame. Rest In Peace, Terry!

Kelly Davis - December 08, 2022 at 09:19 PM

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“ Hold him in your heart and your memories and he will always be with you.

*Willie Vell and Alice Fogle Abson
Mabelvale, AR*

Willie Vell Abson - December 08, 2022 at 06:26 PM

MP

“ MSgt Hankton was my military boss while I was stationed at Hickam AFB, HI. He was an excellent supervisor and a wonderful man. One of my very favorite bosses in the Air Force. My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Hankton family.

Mary (Pagano) Parker - December 08, 2022 at 05:33 PM

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“ Terry Hankton was one of the many bosses I worked with over my 38 years with the Air Force. But he was definitely one of the best that I had the pleasure to work for. Simply put, a peach of a man, kind, considerate, and definitely a leader you wanted to please. But it wasn't all work, we managed to have some fun at social gatherings, including one special Thanksgiving, he and his family spent with us in our home. It was one of the most memorable and fun thanksgivings we hosted and his family made it very special. My heart goes out to Joyce and their daughters because this is a huge loss in their lives. He left us way too soon!
In Hawaii we say Ahi Hou (until we meet again).
With much Aloha from our family to yours during this time of transition.
Cecily and Cap

Cecily Capelouto - December 08, 2022 at 02:04 PM

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“ My heart goes too the Hankton family.

Neddia Collins - December 07, 2022 at 06:50 PM